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for users, contributors, pool vendors, and inland carriers; removal of equipment deemed excess to pool requirements; and the lease of additional equipment to meet pool demands. The parties may also, themselves or with users of chassis pools, form a purchasing group within the association or form affiliated corporate or other entities to procure insurance covering liabilities arising out of or related to chassis and/or chassis pool operations.

5.14 The parties are authorized, but not required to meet, discuss, exchange information and data, and reach agreement amongst themselves or with third parties regarding the establishment of industry standards or guidelines relevant to the safety, maintenance, inspection, repair, or operating procedures of intermodal equipment.

5.15 The parties are authorized, but not required to meet, discuss, exchange information, and reach agreement amongst themselves or with third parties, including the owners or operators of marine terminals, rail terminals, and other inland depots and terminals, regarding the establishment of processes relating to the return of equipment pursuant to equipment interchange agreements, and processes relating to the inspection, maintenance and repair of equipment, including processes to facilitate compliance with state and federal safety regulations.

Included in such processes are the use of electronic

communications, internet, and other information technology to  
transmit or receive information. In furtherance of the  
foregoing, the parties may also form, own and operate  
corporations or other business entities in order to carry out the  
purposes hereof.

ARTICLE 6: OFFICIALS OF THE AGREEMENT AND DELEGATIONS OF  
AUTHORITY

6.1 The Agreement shall be governed by a Senior Steering Committee ("SSC") comprised of one representative from each member line. The SSC shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Agreement with respect to admission or expulsion of members, payment of Agreement expenses, special assessments and dues, election and removal of Executive Committee members, amendments to the Agreement, and other Agreement matters. Each